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1. SHORTLY AFTER ARA MISSION LEADER WILLIAM J. BUTLER
LEFT THE COUNTRY (APRIL 7), WE LEARNED THAT GOV PLANNED
TO HOLD UP RELEASE OF THE COMMUNIQUE HE HAD AGREED TO
IN HIS MEETING WITH THE CINGO UNTIL A STATEMENT OF THE
GOV POSITION COULD BE ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

[REDACTED] SAW NO UL-
TERIOR MOTIVES BEHIND THIS DECISION, VIEWING IT
SIMPLY AS THE FELT NEED OF THE GOV TO GIVE THE URUGUAYAN
PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF ITS REACTION TO THE ARA SUGGESTIONS.

3. SINCE BUTLER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 11 TO TESTIFY
ON THE HILL, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HE COULD BE CONTACTED
AND MADE AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE. I WOULD
SUGGEST THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS THE FOLLOWING POINTS
BE EMPHASIZED TO BUTLER:

A. THE INITIATIVE TO PUBLISH YOUR AIDE MEMOIRE
APPARENTLY DID NOT HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF ALL SECTORS

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OF THE GOU. INDEED, SOME IMPORTANT ELEMENTS WERE NOT
EVEN AWARE THAT THE INITIATIVE TO DO SO CAME FROM THE
CINCS.

B. THERE WAS CONSTERNATION HERE THAT THE RELEASE OF YOUR
AIDE MEMOIRE AND THE GOU RESPONSE (THE LATTER INTENDED PRI-
MARILY FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION) COULD HAVE IN SOME WAY EN-
DANGERED THEIR RELATIONS WITH YOU. THERE IS ALSO CONCERN THAT
THESE TWO ACTIONS MAY HAVE CURTAILED YOUR FLEXIBILITY AS WELL
AS THAT OF THE GOU.

C. IT APPEARS THAT THE AGREEMENTS YOU REACHED WITH THE CINCS
AT THE FRIDAY MEETING STILL HOLDS, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER
THE CINCS HAVE TRANSMITTED THEIR COMMITMENTS TO OTHER LEVELS
WITHIN THE GOU.

D. THE BOTTOM LINE NATURALLY IS WHETHER THEY COMPLY WITH
THEM. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO MONITOR PROGRESS AND WILL KEEP YOU
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INFORMED. BUT RETURN VISIT BY YOUR OR ONE OF YOUR REPRESENT-
ATIVES LATE IN THE YEAR SEEMS EVEN MORE NECESSARY.

F. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO
CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE. USING AMBASSADOR PEPEZ CALDAS AS
YOUR INTERMEDIARY. YOU SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH
JUAN CARLOS BLANCO WHEN YOU SEE HIM IN NEW YORK. KEEP ME INFORM-
ED OF THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS SO I CAN HELP AT THIS
END.

F. AS SOON AS THE DUST SETTLES A BIT MORE, I WILL SEND YOU
A FULLER EXPLANATION OF THE LOCAL SETTING FOLLOWING YOUR
DEPARTURE.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BUTLER'S REACTION TO
THE GOU'S EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER REFLECTIONS HE
MAY HAVE ON HIS RECENT VISIT.

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